REMARKS

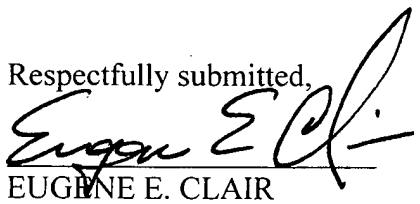
The Office Action requests that the applicant choose a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The applicant elects Species I with traverse. The applicant respectfully submits that prosecution of Species II as identified by the examiner would not require an additional search or serious burden. Applicant respectfully requests that Species I and II be combined in the election of Species I. The applicant submits that claims 20, 22 through 29 and 31 through 38 read on the elected species.

The applicant recognizes that the Examiner identified claims 20, 22, 25, 29, 33, 34 and 36 as generic. Claims 1 through 19 were previously subject to a restriction requirement and withdrawn from consideration. Claim 21 was previously cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 20 and 22 through 38 distinguish patentably over the references of record. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees to this reply to Deposit Account No. 50-3716.

Respectfully submitted,



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